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Open Letter

I would like to express my profound gratitude, and that of my entire family, for the generosity and compassion shown by residents of Appomattox after the recent earthquake in Guatemala. Ms. Betty Bryan called me shortly after the earthquake to inquire about my family and offer assistance. When I told her that, I would be flying to Guatemala to help out, she said she could get some donations from her church and other groups in the county. I was completely overwhelmed when, a few days later, she arrived with close to 1,500 pounds of clothing, food, and household necessities. We took a portion of these with us on the plane, and made arrangements, while in Guatemala, to ensure that the rest would be received and distributed without being "lost" en route. Two weeks ago we made the last shipment, and, due to your generosity, we were able to help not only my family but the entire neighborhood. I can tell you from first-hand observation that the devastation was complete in many parts of Guatemala City (where my family lives) and every item that was received was greatly appreciated. Once again, my heartfelt thanks for your kindness.

Alicia Diaz Matthew
Charlottesville, Va.

Rocks

APRIL 12 - Yards are getting green again. Flowers are in bloom and the trees are turning green. Spring is a beautiful time of the year! Farmers are ordering their land to plant corn. Some have started to plant corn.

A number from here attended the W.M.U. Group I meeting at Bethpear Church on Monday night. The Acteens furnished special music.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson went to Roanoke Sunday afternoon to see Mrs. Kate Dinkins who is in Lewis-Gale Hospital in Salem.

The Friendship Circle met at the church on Tuesday.

Mrs. Sallie Evans and Mrs. Rachel Ranson went to Salem Tuesday.

A large number attended the funeral at Rocks on Thursday afternoon. Sympathy is extended the family.

Mrs. Samuel Martin of the Junior Women's Club attended the Spring District meeting at Danville on April 3.

Misses Dannette Letterman and Kim Hipps earned their Junior Degree at the FHA Week with the annual banquet held recently.

Billie Jean Baldwin of Pamplin entered Lynchburg General Hospital last Monday afternoon for surgery on Tuesday.

A number were shoppers in Lynchburg last Monday.

Florence Ranson spent last week in Roanoke with her sister, Mrs. Thurman Wilcox who is getting along very well after surgery.

Mr. and mrs. Samuel Martin had a virus a few days last week.

Miss Flora Belle Williams, of Pamplin continues ill at Virginia Baptist Hospital. A speedy recovery is wished her.

James Martin got a new car last week.

Dave Coin continues sick.

Rev. Otis Smith preached at Rocks Sunday night. He brought a fine message. YOuth and Junior choirs rendered special music. Duet - Donna Dickerson and Renee Harris; Also solo, Mike Richardson.

Training Union had 87 present.

Mrs. Lockie Martin was dinner guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn S. Martin and James last Sunday.

Mary Ann Lewis represented the Longwood Region at the State FBLA Conference in Roanoke on April 10-11.

Mrs. Rosa Lee Richardson and Mrs. Kirkie Hamlin took some of the Acteens to Eagle Eyrie Conference over the week end.

A number from here attended the funeral of Dean Pugh on Friday afternoon.

He will be greatly missed. Sympathy is extended Mrs. Dean Pugh and Mrs. Jack Hamilton and other relatives.

Mrs. Glenn S. Martin's brother-in-law, Joe Steger, is in Southside Hospital.

A speedy recovery is wished him.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Margaret Marshall in the death of her aunt, Miss Lucy Smith of Appomattox last week.

There will be a genral faculty meeting of all daytime V.B.S. workers on April 14 at the church at 10 a.m.

Easter Sunrise Services will be held at Old Rocks on April 18, at 5 a.m.

Pray now for our reival at Rocks, May 16-19.

Rev. R. E. McDowell, of Phenix, will be the guest speaker.

The Pastor Speaks

DRAW NIGH TO GOD
Part III

Text: James 4:8

Thus far in dealing with the phrase, "Draw Nigh to God", we have been writing to Christians. There is also a sense in which this phrase has a warning to the lost. It is clear in scripture that the sinner also ought to draw nigh to God. For the Christian, it is his DUTY to draw close to God. For the sinner, he has no duty, but he does have a NEED to draw nigh to God. In Psalm 58:3, we read that, "The wicked are estranged from the womb." In Romans 3:10 and 3:23, we find, "There is none righteous", and "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Therefore, we see that because the sinner is a stranger to God and an alien to the forgiveness of God, he has a need to draw close to God. The unbelieving sinner has a need of closeness to God because in his unbelief he is, "condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." John 3:18.

The sinner has a need to draw nigh to God, because every day he lives without Christ, he becomes more of a stranger and more alien to God. How does this happen? First, the affections of the sinner must be noticed. His affections are not on God. His affections are on the evil sinful pleasure of this world. Second, the affections of the sinner also play a large part in his actions and practices. His actions and practices are sin in the sight of the Almighty Holy God. Some question, but what about the seemingly good and righteous things that unsaved people do? Isaish 64:6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Even the Christian has no righteousness apart from the righteousness of Christ. Thus, the practice of the sinner is to sin. This sin brings guilt. Often a child, when he has disobeyed his parents will hide from them because of guilt. The more a sinner lives in sin, the more guilty he becomes. With this guilt is shame, which causes the sinner to hide from the justice of God. The continued rememberance of sin, guilt and shame causes the sinner to become hardened to the love and mercy of God. Thus, the sinner becomes more of an alien to God every day. II Corinthians 6:2 states, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Draw nigh to God yet while you can.

Glenn L. Benfield
Assistant Pastor And
Youth Director
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Virginia

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

Lesson For April 18, 1976

After the Resurrection
Scripture: Matthew 28

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Matteew 28:19-20

As he concludes his Gospel, Matthew climaxes his account with a testimony to the divine authority and power of Jesus Christ. Throughout this Gospel, Matthew has undertaken to show this authority and power in Jesus. In the resurrection of Jesus, God's power over death is declared. In commissioning His disciples to make disciples of all nations, to baptize them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to teach them His words and commandments, Jesus claimed all authority and in this authority sent them forth.

In early Christian preaching and belief, the resurrection of Jesus was the central fact. None of the writers, of epistles or gospels, or preachers described the process of resurrection or explained how it took place. But to all of them it was a firm reality, as real as sunrise and sunset. When Paul wrote one of the earliest accounts of the resurrection of Jesus, in the First Letter to the Corinthians, he noted that there were then living many witnesses to the Resurrection, that is, those who had seen the risen Christ. Indeed it was the conviction that the Jesus who spoke to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus was He who had been crucified and was now alive, had risen from the dead, which convinced the learned rabbi of the validity and primacy of the Christian faith.

The resurrection of Jesus crowns God's redemptive intervention in history. Through it, God triumphed over death, the ultimate in sin's power over mankind and the enemy of life. Through it, God assured those who accept His salvation in Jesus Christ of eternal life for them. Thus God answers the age old question of Job, "If a man die, shall he live again?" and confirms Job's belief that "after my skin has been thus destroyed, then without my flesh I shall see God."

A belief in immortality has existed as far back as we know anything about man. In the ancient concept there was an abode of the dead, Sheol the Hebrews called it, Hades, the Greeks. The ancient Greeks developed the concept of a dichotomy of immortal soul, which survives death, and mortal body. Some ancient pagan religions developed the concept of resurrection, from the reviving vegetation each spring, but this was recurrent, as the seasons. About the time of the Babylonian exile, the people of Israel developed the concept of immortality through resurrection, which was accomplished by the power of God and was quite different from the concept of recurrent resurrection among the pagans. Among the disciples of Zoroaster, the Pa'sees, a concept of resurrection similar to that of the Jews also developed. In the time of Jesus, one leading Jewish sect, the Pharisees, believed firmly in resurrection; their rivals, the Sadducees, did not.

In the concept of resurrection, the individual survives death not just as spirit, but is clothed with an immortal, incorruptible body. Sometimes in His resurrection body, Jesus was readily recognizable, sometimes He was not. We may conclude that this is true of the resurrection bodies of believers.

Resurrection is the evidence of the divine authority committed to Jesus Christ. On the basis of this evidence, He commissioned His disciples to take the responsibility of making disciples for Him of people of all nations. Signficantly, the risen Christ charged these disciples, who so recently had deserted Him on the eve of His crucifixion, with carrying on His work in the world. When we today feel unworthy or incompetent to do so important a task as to carry on God's work in the world, which He has charged us to do, it is well to remember to whom He gave the Great Commission. We do His work not in our strength and wisdom, but in His, for He has promised to be with us, "to the close of the age."

With this climax Matthew leaves us with the reminder that Jesus Christ will come again, to complete the victory over sin and death which He began in His resurrection in the culmination of the warfare His disciples wage in His name against His foes.

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To The Voters Of The Town Of Appomattox:

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Burke Guill 4-15-3t

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